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**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Schlecht

CASE: 57751.010009

**AMENDMENT AND
COMMUNICATION
AFTER FINAL ACTION**

(please note new number)

SERIAL NO.: 09/923,635

FILED ON: August 7, 2001

FOR: DEVICE FOR THE FIXATION OF DIMENSIONALLY STABLE SUITCASES

Art Unit 3727
EXAMINER: NEWHOUSE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

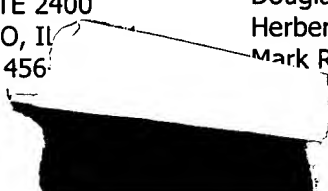
Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 502428.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed July 29, 2003. Please amend the application and consider the following remarks, toward reconsideration and allowance thereof. Applicant is filing contemporaneously herewith a Request for Continued Examination, for purposes of lifting the "final" status of the office action, to ensure entry and consideration of the present amendment without the application being potentially abandoned, if not placed in immediate condition for allowance, and to

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enable consideration of the information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement being filed contemporaneously herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 hereto.

Remarks/Arguments being on page 4 hereto.